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New Stamp Room Equipment

The stamp room is prepared for big business now that the new knuckle-joint press is installed and ready to operate.

How easy it is to say that word "installed" but this press took considerable "installing." The foundation had to rest on hard-pan. And, this at the press location is about five feet below the floor level, three feet below the water level. The location being a miniature Venice, it took considerable pumping to keep the excavation dry. The foundation itself consists of three feet of concrete resting on hard-pan and finishing up to the floor level in the form of a pit, which is water-proof.

After long weeks of waiting, the press finally arrived, much to the concern of the station agent, who informed us that there was a monstrosity on a flat ear at the station belonging to Whiting & Davis Company and "Please get it out of the way as quick as the Lord will let you." This was easier said than done. Thirty-three thousand pounds in one lump requires a deal of pushing to get it off a flat ear, and Joe Rushton and crew with their noted equipment required the best part of a day to free the ear.

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THE WAY THEY MAKE THEM IN DETROIT

A little gas, a little oil,
A piece of glass, a little coil,
A sheet of tin, a piece of board,
Throw them in a hopper,
And out comes a Ford.

—E. PARKER.

We are glad to see that Middleboro is doing something more in the way of making the "Wadeo" a representative paper. Keep it up, Middleboro, let them see you do your part.

Banquet to Twilight League

There assembled at the factory restaurant on May 17th, a little after 6 o'clock, more than one hundred baseball enthusiasts interested in the Twilight League. These men had been invited to come together to partake of a beef steak supper, by Mr. C. A. Whiting, and to participate in the inauguration of the 1921 baseball season.

After the supper, which had been prepared by our chef, Mr. Olsen, in his tempting way, the toastmaster, Mr. Frank Brown, called on Mr. Whiting to say a few words to those present. His remarks were to the effect that he was much interested in what was being done and hoped that it would bring together in a closer union, not only the players but also the firms which they represented. He closed his speech by presenting a sterling silver loving cup, standing 17 inches high on its ebony base, to be given to the winning team of the Twilight League this season. Those present responded by singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. Kellar of Dominick & Haff was the next speaker. He said that he appreciated the invitation extended to his team to play in the series and that he was always interested in clean sport and good fellowship in the shop. He asked those present not to be sore at the end of the series if his team won, as he felt confident of the outcome even now.

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On Friday afternoon, May 20th, the office friends of Mrs. Olga (Swanson) Stewart presented her with a farewell cake. A delightful time was enjoyed by all, but sad to relate, the home-brew grape juice strangely affected John Meegan and Gene Manchester, who furnished entertainment for the rest of the party.

A Trip into Old Mexico

Cont'd BY WALTER RICE

We reached Monterey that night shortly after eight o'clock. Our stay there was very brief, for we planned to spend a day in that attractive city on our homeward journey. At eight forty-five we drew out of Monterey on our way to San Luis Potosi, the city where we were to make our first stop of any length in Mexico. After leaving Monterey our route took us up through the mountains, over some very steep grades. We rode all that night and the next day through the mountainous region and reached San Luis Potosi at five o'clock in the evening, we were then greeted by a delegation of Mexican and American business men from the Chamber of Commerce.

San Luis Potosi is a city of about fifty thousand people and is in the center of a mining and agricultural district. There is located there a smelter and several wholesale concerns handling mining and agricultural machinery and also is an important railway center.

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DANCE A SUCCESS

The first annual dance of the Whiting & Davis Athletic Association was held in Red Men's Hall, April 21st. The committee submits the following report. The money is in the keeping of F. Brown, Athletic Director. The receipts were:

346 Tickets at 50c,	\$173.00
Cheeking,	9.85
	————— \$182.85
Expenses:	
Orchestra,	\$75.00
Hall and officer's	20.00
Printing and Advertising,	10.60
War tax,	15.15
Man to check,	2.00
	————— \$122.75

The net profit on dance, \$60.10
The Committee: Frank Brown, chairman; J. O. Gagnon, F. Gaddes, G. Manchester, H. Cheever, S. Riee.

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NICKEL SILVER VS. STERLING SILVER

(Hard Soldering)

Rather a peculiar heading, but the writer would call attention to a difference in the handling of these metals in a comparative sort of way, more especially when it is necessary for the workman to change from the one to the other at short notice.

Many are at a loss to account for the seeming obstinacy of solder to flow evenly. The trouble arises in most cases from oxidization in the one, and uncleanness in the other.

The workman having experience on nickel silver knows that it is only necessary to pickle (a trade term) his work in a good hot solution of oil of vitriol and water, then rinsing in clean water to assure its being clean and ready for the soldering operation. Care should be taken not to let the work stain before drying which happens if it is allowed to stand with water upon it.

(Fluxing) When the borax has been mixed to the proper consistency which, in the case of nickel silver, it is used somewhat thicker than when mixing for Sterling work, it is applied with the aid of a borax brush, covering the parts to be soldered to insure non-oxidation. Failure to do this part properly, when heated, results in the metal turning black (oxidizing) it being then impossible to run the solder in a satisfactory manner.

A good many times the failure to run solder evenly is due to a too watery borax mixture for when the blow-pipe is directed at the piece to be soldered the borax runs off, it not having body enough to withstand the gas and air pressure.

On the night of May 9th, eighteen friends of Mrs. Etta Hooper surprised her with a Maybasket. A delightful evening was spent by all, as Mrs. Hooper again lived up to her reputation of being an A-1 entertainer.

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Now, Joe said that thirty-three thousand pounds was much too heavy for a low-gear, and that it had better be rolled over the road, which was done. And, though the distance from the shop to the station is about equal to one of Babe Ruth's home runs, it used up three days to perform that little rolling stunt. Tipping it over to get it through the factory door, rolling it through the shop to the pit, removing steam and water pipes that did not clear, and finally, tipping it over into position on its foundation in the pit, used up three more days. Then the worst was done.

The press is guarded by a pipe railing that is set about a foot away from the edge of the pit and is intended as a barrier to prevent any absent-minded individual from walking over the edge. One side of this railing is made up of conduit pipe and the electric wires drop from the ceiling to the pipe outlets and around to the operating switch in front, and the motor in the back, making a very workman-like job of neat appearance.

It is predicted that the knuckle joint press will be of great assistance in producing better work at less cost, and in greater quantities than with present methods. Automatic stamps are now used to do this work.

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So called brass solders and silver solders are used on nickel silver, the former when the work is plain, straightforward, and where economy is absolutely essential, it having a greater proportion of base metal in its composition than silver solder which is more expensive but runs more freely and in many cases is essential to good results where the parts to be soldered are small.

And now a word about silver soldering. Here again, as in nickel silver, preparation of the work must be done in detailed manner. Know that sterling silver upon being heated takes unto itself an oxide, which in the trade is called fire, and which when pickled in the vitriol solution, or pickle commonly known, turns white and looks clean. It is clean only on its surface so let the worker beware; if he tried to solder the article he will have difficulty in running the solder. He may think to get over this by applying more borax which of course tends to make the solder flow more readily but at best the result is

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Mr. Rhodes of the Mason Box Company was called upon next. He was pleased to say that his Company was behind the Twilight League and would support it in every possible way. Along this line, in the behalf of the Mason Box Company, he very generously offered \$100 to the winning team for 1921. He also stated that there was no question as to who was to win in the series. It became known that orders had been given to make a box to tuck that cup away in.

Ex-Senator Joseph Martin, being among those present, was called upon by the toastmaster for a few words. He responded and pledged the boys' whole hearted support through his paper in the interest of the Twilight League, stating his belief that it was a grand opportunity to develop players, create healthy rivalry, and furnish entertainment for the townspeople, tending to create a more peaceful and contented feeling at a time when there was talk of Bolshevistic unrest throughout the country.

Sylvester McGinn next spoke for the K. of C. Among other things, he said he felt sure the Knights would win the pennant.

Mr. Walter Riee said that he felt sure it would cement friendship between the several concerns and employees, and that we will do our part in this respect. He was particularly pleased with the large attendance and hoped for a continuation of the interest.

Mr. Frank Kelly was next called upon by the toastmaster, who asked Mr. Kelly for his support in the papers he represented. Frank replied that it would be given, and commented upon the auspicious gathering. He also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Whiting, in behalf of those present, for the supper and loving cup.

During the evening there were quartet and solo selections given by some of those present assisted by Madeline Dolan, pianist.

A word of thanks to the ladies who served the refreshments so graciously. Their efforts were appreciated by all. This was just the touch needed to give that "homey feeling" which is so hard to get in a big assemblage.

The meeting closed with the best of good fellowship evident, all pledging to do their best to make the games worth attending.

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The night of our arrival in San Luis Potosi was the night for their regular weekly band concert. Most of us attended this concert and it was particularly interesting in the way that it differed from our band concerts. The concert is held on the principal plaza or park of the city and is a social event, for it furnishes an opportunity for friends to meet and greet one another. Therefore if you attend one of these concerts you have an opportunity of studying a social side of Mexican life which you would not otherwise have. The setting for the concert did not materially differ from band concerts held on many of our New England commons. There was the band stand in the center of the plaza, surrounded by palms and other semi-tropical trees and about the plaza was a promenade of beautiful mosaic tiling. The music was good. The people, instead of sitting, or standing to listen, paraded about on the promenade, the men in one direction and the girls and women in the other. Only occasionally did you see a young man with a young lady, and then they were accompanied by one of the young lady's parents. The crowd was very orderly, not the least thing approaching a disturbance took place and policemen were evidently unnecessary for none were in attendance.

The next day we had the opportunity of getting in closer touch with some of the Mexican business men. We found them very courteous, polished and generally well educated gentlemen. Many of them had been educated in this country. This type of men is very anxious to promote good feeling and commerce between our two countries. They left nothing undone to make our stay in their city a pleasant one.

Particularly interesting at San Luis Potosi was a group of semi-furnished government buildings started years ago by the Diaz government, which owing to the many revolutions that have taken place, are still in an uncompleted condition. The group consists of barracks, prisons and administrative buildings and architecturally are attractive. Parts of these buildings are occupied, but they have been much abused by the occupants. I have in mind, a room in the barracks, which was occupied by a handful of dilapidated looking soldiers.

This room was evidently designed as a reception hall for officers and officials of rank. On one of the walls there was painted what was once a beautiful picture, but which has been mutilated beyond all recognition by bullet holes of firing squads in their grim duty of disposing of revolutionists which have been placed before it for execution.

There is also a neat piece of engineering at San Luis Potosi which was designed by Mexican engineers and built by Mexican labor and capital. This work is the city's water system. About six miles out of the city they have thrown a dam across a narrow valley between the mountains, thereby forming a basin, in which is caught, during the raining season, a supply of water sufficient to take care of the requirements during the dry season. This dam is built of solid masonry and is about one hundred feet high. It backs the water up several miles and impounds many millions of gallons. An open stone viaduct winds for miles along the hills, conveying the water by gravity to the city where it is put through the filtration plant and then distributed through pipes to the consumers.

The streets of San Luis Potosi were wonderfully clean, absolutely free from dirt or rubbish. We commented on this fact to some of our good Mexican friends and were told that each property owner is required to keep clean the sidewalk and one-half of the street fronting on his property and they seemed to live up to the letter of the law. We stayed in San Luis Potosi twenty-four hours and then headed for Mexico City.

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far from satisfactory and in the making of a seam or joint the solder is not tenacious.

Note this difference in nickel silver. After pickling and drying, it is ready for soldering, whereas in sterling the work must either be scraped, emery clothed, or in cases where either of the above methods are too long it is advisable to dip the work in cold nitric acid, immersing long enough to turn this work a deep black with a tendency to show white, after which rinse in water and dry. It is not necessary to pickle after the nitric bath, but many do and it is advisable. Care should be taken to keep oil and grease away from work in the soldering preparation.

MIDDLEBORO NEWS

That bowling match so long delayed was played last week, and so—you trimmed us, but we guess you didn't find us slow. Our opponents, we observed, were picked with evident care from a factory of eight hundred, so you had the advantage there. We see they are excellent bowlers and know how to handle the ball. If I told you the lesson we learned, it would surprise you all. We're not discouraged, no indeed, we'll learn to throw a "curve", then go "North" and play another and you'll see us keep our "nerve."

Perhaps I should not mention little things like these, but Clarence took a sandwich he thought was ground up trees, and Elsie drank the coffee faster than we could pour, and when everything was over went back and get some more. And when a waitress fainted, and needed so much aid, as a substitute, Bud Kenyon, a "dinky" waitress made.

The style of mesh bags coming now
Is something most distressing.
All day long, from morn until eve,
They keep the girls a-guessing.

With the curious names that are attached,

Our brains we'll not encumber
But quite contented we will be,
Once we "get their number."
HATTIE E. GOODWIN.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

What do YOU want? And why? For you must have wants. Otherwise, you wouldn't toddle to work day after day as you do. For work for work's sake, like art for art's sake, isn't being done in this particularly commercialized season of economic existence. Don't all speak at once. Put a brake on glibness, unhitch that faithful old dobbie thought. Trot him briskly out into the open for a little health-giving exercise. When you make up your mind to buy, what governs your decision? Do you buy because you really want to have a thing, or merely because you want to get it? There is a vast difference; the first is a laudable practice, the other, perniciously acquisitional. A trial will convince you, perhaps!—Selected.

A motion has been made and seconded, that Percy Rhodes should carry a flashlight on his next trip to Middleboro. Are Jack and Gene afraid in the dark?

Anyone wishing to buy some fresh hornpout, see Leonard Blanchard & Batchelder Co., 24 hours' notice required.

After passing sandwiches the other day to a couple of men-folks, one of the boys seemed to create an awful aroma wherever he went. It seemed that automatically a large space was cleared. So he solemnly swore never to touch or eat onions again.

No man had ever a point of pride that was not injurious to him.

FOR SALE—One baby carriage—I mean Schripps-Booth, in good condition. Apply to Frank O'Connell.

Our new inspector had a peculiar experience the other day. While calling up the Planning Department she was astonished and bewildered to hear a musical voice answer the phone. The conversation was as follows: "Why, Hello Bill. He, he, is that you, honest?" "Well, this is—? How is every little thing? Ha, ha-ha. Shnt-up, you people! Can't anybody get red without you people butting in? (Oh, Baby) But he was a good kid when he was younger."

Ben Salley says: Dutch Cleanser is the best shampoo he knows of, as he has had it tried on him with good success.

We would like to know why Mabel J. has to stay out on Monday. Is it because Pete keeps her up too late on Sunday?

More space wanted in Chain Shop. So Mr. Stanton of Attleboro can march up and down the aisles without the girls having to get under the bench to let him by.

Stella's latest out—a talking machine.

Miss Lucinda Moore of the Repair Department started on a trip last Monday for her home in Nova Scotia. We are sorry to lose this girl friend of ours and wish her a pleasant vacation.

I wonder how Isabel M. would ever get to work if Ray P. stayed home.

Jim Coyne has been trying to pave the streets of Attleboro with Arrow Heads.

Heard in the Stock Room:
Fuller: If that's .070 stock, I'm a d— fool.

Brant: You're right, Fuller. Its .070 stock.

Have you noticed that far-away look on Frank Walsh's face. He is looking for a farm.

Rhea and Doris tag all day, but they still find time to play peek-a-boo with Paul.

While the coal bunkers were being built, some thought what an ideal place it would make for those that throw the "bull." Yes, it would seem that the location was ideal.

Jennie Kenney has severed connections with this company and gone home to spend the summer in one of three houses at Yarmouth.

Morgan was considering installing a telephone at his house, which of course, would keep him in touch with the boiler room day and night. But since the price has increased he and Norlund have arranged a private code and communicate by the use of the shop whistle.

Have you noticed how interested Joe LaBrie is in the new corner repair shop?

Mr. Pfeiffer is having his late model Ford (1908) overhauled. He expects to find the fourth piston during this crisis.

Anything you want to know about an automobile ask Eda Barney. She ought to know.

Why does Elsie Proal watch the number of every new Ford that goes by?

George B seems to like the Saturday afternoon drive to Providence. We wonder why?

Can you imagine Henry D. not walking home with Blanche E.? Lena R. marrying again? Annie M. sitting in a Ford?

Wanted: Auto tires that will not blow out going past Hotel Le Chateau. Apply R. Berkley.

Punk C. has purchased a new Studebaker. "Be careful, Punk," you don't skid for Commonwealth avenue.

Vange and Bertha may be vamps,
But it didn't work one night,
They went out walking with two boys
I'll tell you they were tight.

The boys were very jolly,
To the pictures they all went;
One fellow was dead broke, you see,
The other badly bent.

We pity Vange and Bertha,
For usually after a show,
Immediately for an ice cream
They always used to go.

They made a vow that evening,
Almost against their will
That they would never go out again
With boys from Watery Hill.

Now, girls of Whiting & Davis,
If you want good advice,
Don't go out with a dollar sport,
If you want a college-ice.
—One Who Knows.

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Andrea Guilbert with a grouch?
Florence Whiting without her shadow?
Eva Contuis with her hair bobbed?
Molly McQuade without freckles?
Ida Knorr weighing 200?
Elsie Hemmingsen in an Annette Kellerman?
Louise Brasto as a toe dancer?

Florence: "What are you sitting on, Walter?"

Walter: "Give you one guess."

Florence: "Well, I can't see."

Onlooker: "Please pass Florence the apples."

Be up-to-date. Learn newest spelling. Guaranteed to be the very latest by former school teacher: Clicks now spelled cliques. Bars now barrs.

A new specimen of pussy willow has been discovered by Walter McCann. It has pink blossoms.

Gee, but those Middleboro Girls could vamp! Even Johnny wandered from the apron strings for one short minute, but Tina promptly took him by the ear and away he marched. We thought only married people and darn fools did that. *And they're not married.*